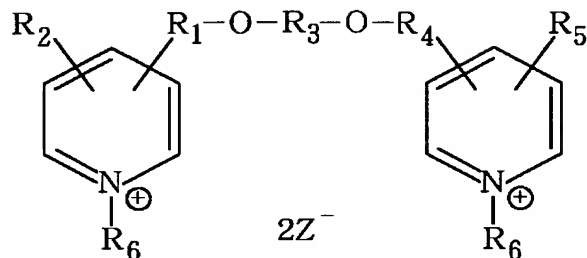


ABSTRACT

Provided are novel pyridine compounds represented by the following formula (7):

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wherein R_1 and R_4 may be the same or different and are each a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; R_2 and R_5 are hydrogen atoms, or may be the same or different and are each a halogen atom, lower alkyl group or lower alkoxy group; R_3 is a linear or branched alkyl group having 2 to 12 carbon atoms; R_6 is a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; and Z is a chlorine atom, bromine atom or iodine atom or an OSO_2R_7 group in which R_7 is a lower alkyl group or a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group. Also provided is their production process, which can easily provide them at low cost from readily-available pyridine compounds as starting raw materials.

